

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

RECOGNIZING AKRON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL

HON. TIM RYAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. RYAN of Ohio. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Akron Children's Hospital of Akron, Ohio, and more specifically Akron Children's Mahoning Valley. Akron Children's Hospital healthcare system has two hospitals, as well as 20 primary care and 67 specialty care locations. Akron Children's hospital is not only the largest pediatric healthcare provider in Northeast Ohio; it is ranked among the best children's hospitals in the country.

Recently Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley was among six hospitals to receive the American Nurses Association's (ANA) Award for Outstanding Nursing Quality at the association's Nursing Quality Conference in Atlanta. The award winners participate in ANA's National Database of Nursing Quality Indicators (NDNQI), the nation's most comprehensive database of nursing performance measures. The six honorees were identified by researchers from more than 1,900 hospitals—about one-third of U.S. hospitals—that report results to NDNQI and measure their performance against other NDNQI hospitals regionally, statewide and nationwide. Akron Children's along with the other 5 awardees demonstrated superior results and sustained improvements in patient outcomes that are tied to the quality of nursing services and nurse work environmental factors.

Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley was recognized for decreasing blood stream infection rates for very low birth weight infants, a leading cause of disease and death for premature babies, by 30 percent. The nursing staff achieved this by implementing evidence-based best practices for central venous catheter insertion and maintenance processes across five neonatal sites.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that my colleagues join me in recognizing Akron Children's Hospital Mahoning Valley for its outstanding achievement and to extend thanks to the entire Akron Children's Hospital system for its commitment to children and the highest quality of pediatric care.

HONORING THE FAMILY SERVICE OF MORRIS COUNTY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the organization Family Service of Morris County, located in Morristown, New Jersey, which is celebrating its 200th Anniversary.

The organization was originally formed in Morristown in 1813 as the Female Charitable

Society and was then comprised of only seventeen volunteer members from the parish of Presbyterian Church, who sought to serve women and children in need for the first one hundred years of its existence. These volunteers began by providing service to the "deserving poor" of Morristown, whose needs were left unfulfilled by New Jersey's inadequate Poor Laws. This included many women and children left behind by male victims to the War of 1812. However, over the next one hundred years the needs of the community changed.

For the centennial celebration in 1913, the Female Charitable Society changed their name to the Bureau of Social Services, and expanded their services to males, as well as the entirety of Morris County. The organization worked to centralize various charitable groups, and over the coming years adapted to not only developments in social work, but also to the ever-changing dynamics of families and their needs.

In 1943, the agency merged with the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, becoming Family and Children's Service of Morris County, and in 1947 adopted its current name, Family Service of Morris County.

Today, what was once a seventeen member female-oriented organization now employs one hundred professionals, four hundred volunteers, and aids about seven thousand people per year. The Family Service of Morris County still adheres to the same mission as they did two hundred years ago—"to strengthen the community by empowering individuals and families to meet and overcome life's challenges."

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me in congratulating Family Service of Morris County, their Board Members, professional staff and so many volunteers, as they celebrate their Bicentennial Anniversary.

RECOGNIZING KELLY ARAMAKI, 2013 WASHINGTON STATE ELEMENTARY PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM SMITH

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. SMITH of Washington. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Mr. Kelly Aramaki, who has been recognized as the 2013 Washington State Elementary Principal of the Year.

Mr. Aramaki has been principal at Beacon Hill Elementary School in Seattle since 2011. He presides over a Title 1 language-immersion international school that has more than 86 percent students of color and where more than 32 percent speak English as their second language. More than two-thirds of the students are eligible for free or reduced lunch programs. Many families are new immigrants to the United States, coming from such countries as Vietnam, China, Laos, Mexico, Guatemala, and Somalia.

Kelly is highly praised for his dedication to instructional leadership. He clears his calendar for instructional work first. He prioritizes walk-throughs, observations, teacher conferences, and professional development meetings with staff.

Mr. Aramaki, a Bellevue native, earned and a Bachelor of Science degree in zoology from the University of Washington and a Master of Teaching degree from the Teachers College at Columbia University in New York City. He received his principal credentials through the University of Washington's Danforth Educational Leadership program.

Mr. Aramaki began his career as a teacher between 1999 and 2002 at Newport Heights Elementary School in Bellevue. He then became principal at Maywood Hill Elementary School in Bothell, where he served between 2003 and 2007. In 2007, he took the principalship at John Stanford International School in Seattle, leaving in 2011 to join Beacon Hill Elementary School.

In 2010 he earned the prestigious Milken Family Foundation Award. The Milken Educator Awards were created by education reform leader Lowell Milken to celebrate, elevate, and activate excellence in the teaching profession.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great honor that I recognize the work Mr. Aramaki has done for education in the Pacific Northwest. Mr. Aramaki will be honored this fall in Washington DC as part of the National Distinguished Principal of the Year program.

HONORING THE LIFE OF CADET STAFF SERGEANT HUNTER HENRY

HON. PATRICK MURPHY

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, April 12, 2013

Mr. MURPHY of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the life and legacy of Cadet Staff Sergeant Hunter Henry, a young man who passed away after being struck by a car while riding his bicycle to school on April 2, 2013 in Port St. Lucie, Florida. He is survived by his three sisters and his parents Dan and Wendy Henry.

Cadet Staff Sgt. Hunter Henry was a 16 year old student at Port St. Lucie High School. Henry was known as a reserved and polite young man who enjoyed fixing things, especially bicycles, which he learned at a local store.

Henry also had a passion for service and helping others. He participated in the Jaguar Battalion—Junior Officer Reserve Training Corps in school and planned to enter military service. Additionally, following his mother's diagnosis with an autoimmune disorder that left her paralyzed, Hunter frequently donated blood and registered to be an organ donor. His selflessness has given many individuals across the country another chance at life.

Mr. Speaker, Staff Sgt. Hunter Henry was an outstanding young man who was taken far

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